

The Bee.

Thursday June 28th, 1877.

Our Enterprise.

We present you this week with the first issue of "THE BEE," and ask your indulgence for any errors, typographical or otherwise, that may appear. Young bees are liable to err, but as they advance in age they acquire a better knowledge of the duties they are called upon to perform, and we hope it may be so with us. We shall endeavor to do our part toward giving you a good, live, local newspaper, one which you may be proud to show to friends or strangers.

Our first proposition to you was that if, at the end of a month, we had secured one hundred subscribers we would continue the publication. As we have already secured nearly that number the publication of THE BEE is an assured fact. Now, all that remains to be done is for you to keep on in the way you have commenced, and we guarantee you our best efforts in advancing the interests of your beautiful town, through our columns.

It will be our aim to keep our columns free from political, religious, and personal strifes; to uphold right, and oppose wrong, wherever we find it. We shall always be pleased to receive contributions of a local character, that may in any way advance the interests of the people, and hope that by constant attention to business, and strictly honorable dealing, we shall merit a continuance of your confidence and patronage.

We shall be pleased, at any time to see any of our friends who take an interest in THE BEE, at our office over Sanford & Hawley's store, on Main street.

Communications, subscriptions, advertisements, etc., should be left at the office, or addressed to THE BEE, Newtown, Conn.

We shall be happy to make such improvements and additions from time to time, as your financial interest in the paper justifies.

Village Improvement.

We have heard it hinted that a "Bee" for village improvement has been talked of, and that the ladies would have the management of it. To our minds this is a very praiseworthy enterprise and if there is really anything of the kind to be done it will certainly be accomplished, if the ladies command it. The love of the beautiful is one of man's frailties, and it is the love of woman, and the study to please her, that exposes man, and brings his weakness to view, in spite of himself. We await with pleasure further developments, and shall be proud of the opportunity to aid with our pen, the efforts of the fair ladies to adorn the village as it seems best to them, feeling assured that their gentlemen friends will heartily co-operate with them.

A New Walk.

The need of a new walk for the accommodation of our citizens living in Sandy Hook, has long been felt, and a proposition looking to the accomplishing of this grand improvement is now being talked of. There are hundreds every Sunday that visit the churches, that are compelled to walk, and in many places, especially in bad weather, there is no other place but the road, for pedestrians to use. There is ample room, abundance of material, and all that remains to carry out this good object is the immediate support and co-operation of our citizens, which we feel assured will not be withheld. It is not for us to say what advantage this walk will be to this community, nor to the owners of property between Sandy Hook and Newtown Street. Still our judgment is that, whenever the road has been thus improved, every one will appreciate it, and wonder why it has never been done before. This road, in time, can be made as handsome a thoroughfare as any in the state.

An Accident.

A pleasure party, consisting of ladies from Danbury, came to this town the first of last week, and stopped at the Central Hotel. In the evening, soon after starting for home, an axle suddenly broke, which caused a slight delay. Mr. Douglas Fairchild provided conveyance, and the ladies proceeded home without further interruption. The broken carriage belonged to Hawley Bradley, of Danbury.

The Library.

Below will be found an item of interest, which we call special attention to. This library, we learn, was first started by a contribution of one hundred volumes from Mrs. Sarah Baldwin, an old, and highly esteemed lady, who just previous to her death, which occurred about one year ago, gave these books, and since then there have been added one hundred and twenty-nine, making a total of two hundred and twenty-nine. At the time of the formation of the Newtown Library Association, many persons became members, by paying the membership fee. Others gave only their names, and for some unexplained cause, many who took interest in the organization at first, have discontinued their support. It is to be hoped that our citizens will not let this valuable institution go down, but that they will come forward and sustain it with becoming liberality. The association has placed these books within the reach of all, by the very moderate charge of ten cents for the use of a book for two weeks, which we hope will meet with favor.

The following is a list of officers of the Newtown Library Association, organized Jan. 1st, 1876:

E. L. Johnson, President; Charles Beresford, Vice President; M. F. Peck, Secretary and Treasurer. Abel Stillson, E. F. Hawley, E. W. Fairchild, Trustees, M. F. Peck, Librarian. 229 volumes. Terms of subscription: per year, \$2; six months, \$1.50; three months, \$1.

After July 1st books will be loaned from the library at 10 cents per volume, with privilege of keeping two weeks.

The Picnic.

Of the St. Patrick's Temperance Society, connected with St. Rose's church, was held in Gately's Grove, Sandy Hook, on Thursday last, for the benefit of the Drum Corps, connected with the Society, and was in every particular a complete success, and yielded a handsome return above all expenses. The receipts were, as near as we could ascertain, about three hundred and seventy-five dollars. The organization, numbering about forty members, headed by the Drum Corps, under the leadership of E. W. Fairchild, of Southbury, marched through the streets from the church down to the grove, and made a fine appearance. The Drum Corps, though a young organization, did well, and is said to be rapidly improving, and will be, with a little more practice, all that its friends desire, and we trust a useful corps.

We have said that the picnic was a success, financially, yet this was not all. It was a success, also, in a social character, and reflects credit upon the good order and gentlemanly conduct of all who participated. We present the names of the following officers of this society, which in our next issue will appear under the head of Public Institutions:

President, Rev. Father James McCartan. Vice President, John Mooney. Secretary, Thomas Egan. Treasurer, Patrick Cain.

Worthy of Imitation.

Last week, while canvassing for subscriptions to the BEE, and taking notes, our business led us to the shop of Mr. Wm. A. Sherman, blacksmith. While there, Mr. S. commenced the shoeing of a colt that had never had any shoes upon its hind feet. Our first impulse was to get out doors and away from the heels of the animal; but after observing the manner in which Mr. S. proceeded, our confidence returned, and we watched with wondering interest the, to us, novel, yet truly sensible mode of dealing with colts when being first shod. Mr. S. took hold of the colt, and by gently smoothing him with his hand, until he became used to the touch, he caught hold of his leg and raised the foot; the colt sprang lightly to one side, and endeavored to free himself, and being tied could only go in a sort of semi circle. This was repeatedly done, Mr. S. taking hold of each hind foot in turn, and not uttering a word to the colt, or in any way disturbing him, save to do as stated above. After several trials this way, Mr. S. drew up his box of tools, and put the colt's foot into position, and commenced work without further trouble. We certainly think that this kind of treatment is commendable, and certainly of immense value to colts, and fully repays the time spent in teaching the colt submission. Harsh treatment should be avoided, and surely it is worth the trial.

A Post Office Needed.

Passing through Dodgingtown last Friday we called to see Mr. R. D. Shepard, who keeps a large stock of groceries, in a very neat store. While there, we learned that Mr. Shepard has for many years taken charge of the mail belonging to those in the neighborhood, and that he receives no compensation for his services. There is a need of a Post Office at this point, and we hope that one may be created, with Mr. Shepard as P. M. It ought to be done.

Second Anniversary of the O. B. J. T.

The "Olive Branch" Juvenile Templars celebrated the second anniversary of the institution of their Temple with a very enjoyable picnic, held in the beautiful orchard belonging to Mr. John R. Tomlinson, of Mile Hill, on Monday afternoon, the 18th inst. The members of Alpha Temple, of Sandy Hook, were present by invitation, and judging by appearances the little folks had a decidedly good time.

As is usually the case when the temperance people attempt anything of this kind, there was a bountiful supply of good things to eat, and plenty of iced lemonade to drink, which was duly appreciated by the children after they had spent two or three hours in singing, playing croquet, base ball, and other games.

After the collation Messrs. E. L. Johnson, C. H. Beers, D. G. Beers, and other friends of the Order arrived with their double teams, and gave all the Juveniles a pleasant ride to the Glen.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the Sup't., Mr. Beers, and others, for their happy management of this affair.

Proposed Excursion.

The Daily Standard says that there is some talk of an excursion from New Milford and Danbury, to New London, and return, via Housatonic Railroad and the steamer Laura.

A special train will run from the above mentioned places, stopping at all stations, giving excursionists a pleasant sail on the Sound, and returning the same night. The time of this excursion will be made known as soon as the final arrangements are made. Our friends of Newtown and vicinity will bear this in mind.

Public Temperance Meeting.

Rev. Oris J. Range, Grand Worthy Chief Templar of Connecticut, will deliver a temperance address at the Methodist Church, in Sandy Hook, on Sunday evening, July 1st at 7:30 o'clock.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Services in the Episcopal church, for the Summer, will be changed to evening commencing July 1st, at 7:30 p. m.

The Bridgeport Quarterly Convention of Good Templars will meet with Granite Lodge, Monday, July 21st at 11 o'clock a. m. All Good Templars are invited to attend.

Dr. Wilcox, of New Haven, has a corps of workmen employed repairing the house belonging to him, situated near the residence of Mr. Hezekiah Peck. Mr. Peck has had a new roof added to his residence in the past week.

Mr. Charles Jonas, merchant tailor, in order to meet the demands of his increasing business, will move from his present shop into the store formerly occupied by Beers & Peck, Main street. The store will be filled up in a few weeks.

Mr. C. Dayton, and Mr. Thompson are preparing to build.

A new blacksmith shop has been built between the grist mill and axe-helve factory of Wm. I. Sanford, Esq., and is occupied by Mr. D. W. Snyder. The bridge in front of the shop and over the mill-race will be re-laid this week. Mr. Snyder is doing the work.

Dr. Wm. C. Wile, having discontinued his drug store, has refitted the place, and in future he will occupy it as his office. The repairing, painting, and paper hanging was done by E. W. Wilson, carpenter, and Messrs. Smith & Perkins, painters.

Thursday, June 14th, during the prevalence of the severe storm, three fine, young cattle, valued at one hundred and sixty-five dollars, belonging to William Terrill, Esq., were struck by lightning and killed. Mr. Terrill did not discover his loss until Saturday, 16th, when he found them lying dead beneath a tree in his lot.

Mr. Henry H. Fairchild, in Taunton district, recently built a fine henbery, and enclosed it with a high slat fence, giving his poultry a good range, at the same time protecting them from the easy grasp of thieves. Mr. Henry Warner, builder, did the work.

Mr. Wm. Platt brought into market last Friday afternoon, the finest lot of strawberries that we ever saw, and we heard a gentleman say, (and he is a dealer and a judge) that they were the largest that he had ever seen. Mr. Platt has a large market garden, and is a practical farmer.

Our enterprising merchants, Messrs. Sanford & Hawley, keep constantly on hand a large assortment of Groceries, Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots & Shoes, Hats, Drugs, and in fact everything that may be found in a first-class store.

Warely Bros. are crowded with work. These gentlemen have an upright boiler, and machinery consisting of saws and planing lathes, and other conveniences.

Last week was a busy one for our farmers, and the mowing machine could be heard in every direction. Rye, corn, grass, and in fact everything that makes glad the farmer's heart, and brings the one thing needful in return, appears to be in the best growing condition possible.

Messies has played sad havoc with the attendance in our schools. In one, only seven were in attendance, out of thirty-eight. In another, only four, out of the same number of pupils. Mrs. L. B. Cook has had all of her children quite sick with it. The little girls have recovered, but the little boys are still very feeble. We trust that all the schools will be better attended after the holidays.

Mr. L. B. Lake advertises a good second-hand Buckeye Mower very cheap. Give him a call.

In Sandy Hook there is much activity in building of cellars for new houses. The repairing and adding to of many houses the past week, is an evidence of prosperity which we note with pleasure. The residence of Mr. Philo Nichols, near the depot, is being greatly enlarged; an L, two stories high, added, the roof of the main building, previously flat, has been raised to a peak. There will be two bay-windows also. When the whole is completed Mr. N. will have a very fine house.

Mr. Douglas Fairchild was busy last week renovating, and otherwise preparing, for the reception of summer guests, who have made arrangements with the popular proprietor for the season, and will arrive soon.

The Trinity Benevolent Society, of the Episcopal Church, intended to hold a festival in the basement of the church Wednesday evening, but as we went to press the same night we cannot speak of its success until another issue.

Major Charles T. Greene, when visiting Bethel, last Monday, left a package of delicious coffee for us at the Bethel Press office, for which he will please accept our sincerest thanks.

Mr. Henry Warner, of Taunton district, injured his hand a few days ago, by having an old wagon tire fall upon it. The edge of the tire was ragged, and cut his hand in three places, slightly. Since then the sores commenced running, and the back of the hand is very much swollen.

Smith & Perkins have contracted to paint the building belonging to Henry Sanford, Esq., corner of Main and West streets, and commenced on Monday. It promises to be a good job, and will improve the looks of the building, as well as being an ornament to the town.

The heavy storm of Tuesday night was very severe. The lightning was sharp and blinding. We have heard nothing of damage by lightning, but we notice that rye in many of the fields has been beaten down. Hay-makers will have a little more work by having hay to spread out, but then the rain was needed, and farmers know how to appreciate such blessings.

Our enterprising and gentlemanly barber, Mr. Charles Rinnisland, in addition to the neat shop under Sanford & Hawley's store, has a shop in Sandy Hook, which he opens for the accommodation of his patrons every Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Mr. Rinnisland has a card in this issue, to which the attention of the ladies is called.

Union Hall, in which are situated the offices of Judge of Probate and Town Clerk, is in need of a mason's attention. A portion of the ceiling in both rooms has fallen down.

The roads are receiving the attention of the road workers, and where it will do most good tile will be laid, to carry off the water.

Mr. Wells, the boot and shoe merchant in the Hook, was quite sick last week, with bilious colic, but is getting along finely now.

Mr. D. C. Gately and lady, who are absent on a visit to California, will return home about the 15th of July. They have the best wishes of their numerous friends for a pleasant and safe return.

We shall endeavor to note each week the arrival in town of those seeking the country air, and stopping at the different hotels in town. At Dick's hotel we notice that many have already arrived. At the Central House there are a number also. Before this week ends it is predicted that the city pleasure-seekers will arrive in greater numbers, and we can but wish that this may prove true.

Mr. D. M. Reynolds was engaged in painting the inside of the Central House last week. This is the kind of weather that pleases the painters, and we wish them all an abundance of work.

The Newtown academy, will be open for the Fall term, Sept. 1st. Rev. James P. Hoyt, A. M., Principal. This pleasant institution is rapidly gaining popularity, and is pleasantly situated, and we wish the gentlemanly principal a full share of the public patronage.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. D. G. Lawson, one day last week, and he informed us that he was engaged in establishing agencies for a patent spring bed, and lectured only now and then, but will restime in the Fall. We hope that when he comes this way again an opportunity to speak may be offered him. He is a speaker of merit, and is highly spoken of by the press.

Correspondence

The Closing Exercises at Newtown Academy, June 23d, 1877.

It was our good fortune to be present at the exercises which terminated a summer term, and also the academic year, of Newtown Academy, on Saturday last. At the opening, the principal addressed the audience that he did not believe in training a school on a certain part for the purpose of making a fine exhibit of attainments and scholarship on set occasion, and that the exercises examinations which followed would only fair, average specimens of the daily recitations of the scholars.

The first in order was an exercise in spelling, which was listened to with interest, not unmingled with some excitement, as one after another failed at took his seat. At length the few survivors went down on a rather unusual, but not especially difficult word, and as the champion, at last defeated, sat down, we noticed some rather "quizzical" glances exchanged. Next came the English language exercise, and most fully did the scholars show not alone their excellent thorough, and careful training in the grammar of their own language, but also the fruits of their individual diligence and careful thought. The more difficult sentences given them were almost instantly analyzed, parsed, and handled with wonderful exactness and accuracy. The principal has spent much time and thought to introduce a valuable, and entirely original method of instruction in English grammar into the school, and has been richly repaid for his trouble in the rapid, concise recitations of his pupils.

After this exercise came declamations and compositions. In this department the efforts of the graduating, or collegiate class, were missed by all present, but the time of this class had been so fully occupied in preparation for the coming examination at Yale that they were kindly excused by the principal from taking part. These young men have our very best wishes for success in study and in life. The class is small in comparison with the graduating classes of many larger academies and institutions of learning; it is true, but if the members of it go out with principles firmly fixed, and with the determination to succeed, the old Academy shall never have cause to feel ashamed of her sons.

After the literary exercises came the reading of the standing addresses by the various members of the school during the term.

The following is the report, as obtained from the principal, of the standing sustained by the scholars in the different departments:

Collegiate Department (1st grade)—Geo. M. Judd; Frederick Marble; Chas. H. Northrop; Wilson H. Pardee; Wm. H. Sanford.
Academic Department (1st and 2d grades)—Frank J. Gillette; Miss Ida J. Gillette; Miss Clara Northrop; Miss Mary H. Sherman; Frederick Ferrill.
As a number of the Primary Department were absent, and had been so for some time past, on account of sickness, no grades were mentioned in that department. After singing the audience were dismissed. Thus pleasantly ended the academic year. The Academy has never been under such excellent management as at the present time. The principal, Rev. J. P. Hoyt, is emphatically the right man in the right place; and by his earnest, unflinching faithfulness, as well as by his high ability as an instructor, richly deserves the success he has achieved. MARTON.

BETHEL NOTES

The case of Jno. F. Nichols, came up before Justice Gilbert, but as the State failed to prove the sale of intoxicating liquors, Nichols was discharged. There were many witnesses on both sides, and those present say that it was interesting.

A barn, the property of David Lyon Esq., was destroyed last Friday night. It was insured for \$200.

Ex-Constable H. C. Judd, has had a suit brought against him by J. J. Myer, who claims the loss of a certain bill that he would have recovered against a party in town, but for the neglect of Mr. Judd in executing the writ of attachment. The case came up before Justice Geo. W. Taylor, but owing to the sickness of